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Interview Summary

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Date of Interview: 11 July 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: McNamara et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,141,630) and Cavanaugh et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,871,298).


Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: In order to overcome the 101 rejections, Examiner recommended Applicant amend independent claims to read "wherein the comparison data debugs..." and to replace all instances of "comparison result" with "comparison data". Examiner also advised Applicant amend "at least one selected from the group of the simulation design" to "at least one selected from a group of the simulation design". Applicant clarified that "user data" does not require user input, but instead is internal data for the simulators. Examiner noted Cavanaugh teaches user data with a rules table, Figure 3, rules table 209 and instruction packer 208 as well as column 7, lines 47-51 and column 8, lines 19-41. Examiner also noted McNamara discloses mapping one simulation to another for comparison in column 6, lines 1-7. In order to overcome the prior art of record and to clarify the novelty of Applicant's invention, Examiner recommended Applicant amend independent claims to recite the specific functions of the mapping rules as disclosed in paragraph [0037] of the specification of the instant application such as, "mapping rules which map different internal hierarchical structures between the first implementation of the simulation design and the second implementation of the simulation design, wherein the two implementations are different implementations of the simulation image".